

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 3 and 27 are amended and claims 1, 2, 20, 25 & 26 are canceled; as a result, claims 3-19, 21-24, and 27-31 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-8 and 27-31 were objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 2, line 6, "PWM" is mistyped as "PWN"; line 7, "can occur" should be changed to "occurs".

Claim 2 has been cancelled and is respectfully asserted to overcome the objection.

Claim 27, line 4, "can occur" should be changed to "occurs".

Amended claim 27 is respectfully asserted to overcome the objection. Claim 27 should thus be found allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hoeld (U.S. Patent No. 6,487,246).

Applicants do not admit that the Hoeld patent is prior art to the present invention and reserves the right to swear behind this patent at a later date. Nonetheless, Applicants believe the claims of the present invention are distinguishable over this reference.

Claim 2 has been canceled and therefore is respectfully asserted to overcome the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-19 and 21-24 was indicated to be allowable.

Claims 3-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 27-31 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) set forth in the Office Action.

Applicants have amended claims 3-8 and 27-31 accordingly. Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 3-19, 21-24, and 27-31 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (603-888-7958) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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